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(b) No, Sir. There are 128 Travel Agents, 287 Tour Operators, 78 Tourist Transport Operators and 12 Adventure Tour Operators-are approved by the Ministry of Tourism in Delhi. The Department of Tourism, Government of Delhi does not have a scheme to approve these service providers.

(c) In order to curb cheating by service providers and to ensure quality standards and service, the Ministry of Tourism has a Complaint Cell for redressal of tourist complaints.

Adventure tourism in Mizoram

847. MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether State Government of Mizoram propose to start adventure tourism;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Centre propose to encourage such projects in the backward regions of the country *i.e.* Orissa, Jharkhand and Chhattisgarh etc. to improve their economy; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A project regarding development of Aero Sport facilities (Adventure Tourism) in Aizwal has been prioritized/identified for the financial year 2007-08 for grant of financial assistance by Ministry of Tourism, Government of India.

(c) and (d) The development and promotion of tourism is the responsibility of the respective State Government. However Ministry of Tourism, Government of India provides financial assistance for tourism related projects including adventure tourism which are identified in consultation with the concerned State Government. So far this Ministry has not received any proposal for development of Adventure Tourism in Orissa, Jharkhand and Chhattisgarh.